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# Soviet and Polish Offices in Stettin.

1. Prior to March 1951, a Soviet military hospital, Soviet magazines and a hotel for Soviet officers were located in the area of the former Diakonissenkrankenhaus Bethanien (Protestant Nurses' Hospital Bethany) in Stettin (O 54/Q 55). (1)
2. The Soviet komendatura was located in a former home for aged people at 19 Piotra Skargi, formerly Boon Street. The headquarters, which mainly consisted of technical officers, controlled the Soviet free-port area with a technical battalion. An identity card issued by this headquarters bore the designation Radz. Jedn. Wojski No 96 703 and a round stamp inscribed "Porta". (2)
3. The Polish Main Komendatura was located at 2 B. Zaleskiego. (3) A Border Guard (WOP) office was located in the former building of the German army corps headquarters on Piotra Skargi. (4) A school of the "Service to Poland" was located at 6 P. Sawrzyniaka. (5) Single villas, which housed mainly Polish but some Soviet officers' dependents, were located on ul. Wyspanskiego, formerly Niebuhr Street, opposite the tennis courts.
4. A woman resettler observed, prior to November 1950, a Soviet ration supply depot at the former streetcar depot at the intersection of ul. Piotra Skargi and ul. Wojska Polskiego. During the day time, a very large number of Soviet trucks were seen at the installation. Source observed that the truckloads consisted of foodstuffs of various types. An unidentified Soviet office was located northwest of the ration supply depot on the northwest side of ul. Milszew. (1)

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Polish Troops in Torun.

5. Prior to January 1951, the two barracks installations in Torun (Q 54/J 39) which were located on the southern bank of the Vistula River and on the south side of ul. Glowna were occupied by Polish units having soldiers who wore red cap bands. The one installation was located south of the western bridge over the Vistula River; the other one was situated south of the eastern bridge over the Vistula River and directly east of a radio station. The carport located on the southern perimeter of this borough, on both sides of ul. Kosciniuszkowa, was also occupied by Polish troops; however, only limited traffic was observed in the street. (6)
6. The barracks installation located north of the Vistula River and directly north-east of the city railroad station was occupied by Polish soldiers wearing red cap bands. (7) According to a relative of source, who had worked at a barracks installation in the northeastern borough of Mokro, a Polish officer candidate school was located there in 1950. (8) In the summer of 1950, Soviet soldiers wearing light blue service color were observed near the barracks installations located on the western perimeter of the city.
7. A military club, which was frequented by the Security Police (UB) and militia members and occasionally also by Soviet soldiers wearing light blue service color, was located in a former restaurant on the south side of ul. Stalin-gradzka, called ul. Szeroka prior to 1949, between ul. Mostowa and ul. Iazienna. A billeting installation of the UB including two brick buildings was located on the south side of ul. Bydgoska about 500 meters northwest of the city railroad station.
8. A woman resettler ascertained that no soldiers were located in Rypin (Q 54/J 98) prior to October 1950. Only a UB office and an Militia Office (MO) were situated in the town.
9. According to another resettler, the towns of Rummelsburg (P 55/M 03), Buctow (P 55/M 36), Polnow (P 55/M 54), Bublitz (P 54/M 83) and Eldenburg (P 54/M 92) were also cleared of soldiers prior to early 1951. Since 1950, the UB district office for the district of Rummelsburg has been located in the former revenue office on the south side of the road from Gr. Vols (P 54/M 03) to Rummelsburg. The militia district office was located in the same building.

Comments.

- (1) The present report confirms the statements made in a previous report in March 1951.
- (2) The statements on the Soviet Kommandatura with [redacted] confirm various previous reports.
- (3) The location of the Kommandatura at 2 B. Salskiego tends to confirm a previous report.
- (4) The WOP headquarters in the building of the former army corps headquarters is confirmed by a previous report.
- (5) A previous report of September 1950 stated that the **Service to Poland** (SP) headquarters of the **województwo** was located in the building at 5 Jawczyńska.

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- 25X1A (6) The barracks installations are located in the borough of Podgorz. According to a previous report of July 1941, they quartered artillery and rocket launcher units. [REDACTED]
- (7) According to previous reports, this barracks installation was occupied by an artillery regiment.
- 25X1A (8) A previous report confirmed the artillery officer candidate school in the borough of Mokre up to July 1941. [REDACTED]

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